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SUBJ: RESUMED 55TH ECOSOC--SPECIAL MEASURES IN FAVOR
OF LDC'S (ITEM 7)

1. AS PROPOSED BY SUDAN, WHICH AS PRIME SPONSOR OF
SPAWNING RESOLUTION SPOKE FIRST, ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF
ECOSOC DECIDED MERELY TAKE NOTE OF E/5416 AND TRANSMIT
IT TO 28TH SESSION OF GA.

2. SUDAN SAID IT LAMENTABLY FORCED MAKE SUCH A PROPOSAL
BECAUSE THERE NOT SUFFICIENT TIME AVAILABLE TO RESUMED
55TH ECOSOC SESSION PERMIT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION. THUS
SUCH DISCUSSION MUST BE DEFERRED TO SECOND COMITE OF GA.

3. WHILE NOT OFFERING FORMAL OBJECTION TO SUDAN PROPOSAL,
BOTH UK AND FRANCE LAMENTED SAD PREPARATION, ORGANIZATION
AND SCHEDULING STATE OF AFFAIRS THAT FORCED ECOSOC BE
MERE "POST BOX" FOR THIS AS WELL AS OTHER ITEMS ON
RESUMED ECOSOC AGENDA.

4. NETHERLANDS MADE SAME POINT GOING ON TO RECALL THEIR
"UNEASINESS" IN MAY 1973 WHEN 54YH ECOSOC, AT SUDAN'S
URGING, DECIDED AGAIN TAKE ITEM UP AT RESUMED 55TH
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ECOSOC AND 28TH GA AS OPPOSED TO DEFERRING IT TO 56TH

ECOSOC WHEN IT COULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN UP IN TANDEM WITH CLOSELY-RELATED, DETAILED SYG STUDY REPORT BEING PREPARED AS RESULT US INITIATED RES 1754.

5. NETHERLANDS ADDED THAT E/5416 EXPRESSED THIS DILEMMA AND THAT ITS STATISTICAL ANNEXES NOT ALTOGETHER RELEVANT AS THEY SPOKE MAINLY TO YEARS BEFORE SPECIAL MEASURES BY VARIOUS CONCERNED PARTIES TO ASST RLDC'S BEGAN COME ON STREAM. NETHERLANDS REITERATING WHAT IT HAD SAID IN IBRD REPORT DISCUSSION, SAID IT PLANNED ANNOUNCE "SIZABLE" FIRST CONTRIBUTION TO CDF AT UNDP PLEDGING CONFERENCE" ON 30 OCTOBER AND BELIEVED THAT IF CDF INCREASED MINIMUM CRITICAL MASS SIZE AND EARMARKED "FIRST AND FORE-MOST" FOR RLDC'S, THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR SPECIAL FUND FOR RLDC'S.

6. US, SPEAKING FOR RECORD, RECALLED AT 54TH ECOSOC IT HAD PLEADED LONG, HARD ANDUNSUCCESSFULLY WITH SUDAN TO HARMONIZE SUBMISSION TIEM (TYTH ECOSOC) OF STUDIES CALLED FOR ITS RES 1753 AND 1754 WITH SUDAN INSISTING ON RESUMED 55TH ECOSOC AS TIMING ITS PROPOSED STUDY IN ORDER ASSURE MOMENTUM KEPT UP WITH IN UN TO ASSIST RLDC'S.
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